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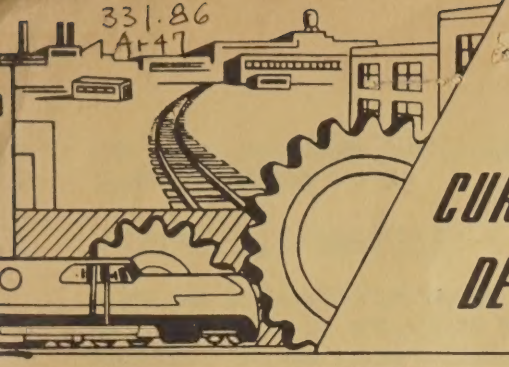
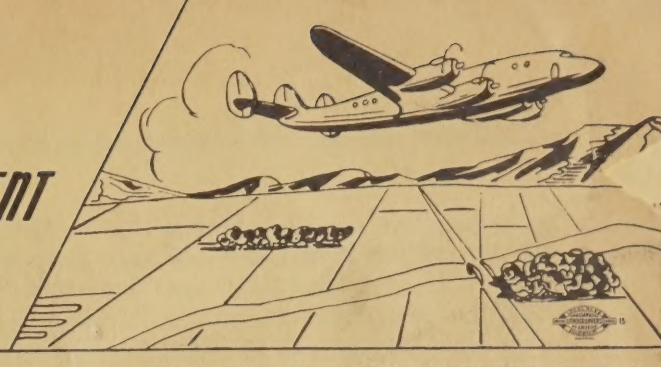


ARIZONA'S CURRENT EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENTS



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THE EMPLOYMENT PICTURE IN APRIL

Nonagricultural employment in Arizona advanced to 229,800 during April, up 1,400 from March and 13,400 ahead of employment of one year ago. Manufacturing led the employment gains by attaining a new all-time high for the month. Seasonal gains were made in northern Arizona lumbering operations and in beverage manufacturing in the Phoenix area, while continued gains were noted in defense electronics in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. Construction employment rallied during the month, by gaining generally in all parts of the State after continuous losses since November 1955. Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities employment remained depressed during April, the result of the continued telephone strike. Wholesale & Retail Trade remained practically unchanged during the month, while a small seasonal decrease was made in Hotels & Other Lodging Places as the tourist season began its annual decline in southern Arizona. Federal Government employment was up 200 to 15,300 during April - noted primarily as gains in military defense establishments.

Total nonagricultural employment in Phoenix, Maricopa County area, was unchanged at 113,100 during April. Manufacturing employment at 19,400 was up 100 from the March total, while Construction employment made a similar gain to an April total of 9,700 - the first increase since last October. Trade employment was down seasonally to 32,200, off 200 from March. No employment changes were made in Finance, Insurance & Real Estate, Services industry, or Government.

Tucson, Pima County area, went to a new all-time high with nonagricultural employment of 51,100 during April, up 300 from March (the previous high) and 6,100 greater than one year ago. Manufacturing employment reached a new high of 9,000 during the month, up 200 from March and 43 per cent ahead of a year ago. Growth of the area stimulated a 200 gain in Construction to an April total of 5,100, up 24 per cent in the past year. No change was noted in the Trade, Services and Government industries.

MANUFACTURING A new high of 35,000 was established in the Manufacturing industry for April, up 600 from March and 4,500 ahead of one year ago. A seasonal one month gain in beverage manufacturing added 100 to Food & Kindred Products to an April total of 3,500, while spring weather reactivated northern Arizona lumbering and added 300 to the Lumber & Wood Products payrolls to an April total of 3,300. Primary Metals in aluminum extrusion was down 100 to a total of 5,200. Aircraft & Parts employment was unchanged during April with 6,700 employed. Electronic employment, however, was mainly responsible for an increase of

300 in the All Other Manufacturing segment. Printing & Publishing employment remained unchanged at 2,500 during the month.

MINING & QUARRYING Mining employment in the State hit a thirteen year high in April, up 100 from March, 1,200 more than one year ago. Copper Mining, which was unchanged from March employment of 12,700, was 1,100 more than employment of one year ago, the result of new mining developments that have expanded the frontiers of the copper mining industry. At the present time Arizona is producing more than 50 per cent of the nation's copper output. Tungsten, manganese, uranium and other mining employment advanced 100 to an April total of 2,200, up 300 in the past year.

CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION Construction employment trends were reversed after losing steadily since November 1955 by gaining 400 during April to a total of 18,100. Road construction, statewide, increased as favorable weather conditions permitted. The Pima County, Tucson area accounted for 50 per cent of the one-month gain as the growth of the area created residential and commercial construction demands.

TRADE Wholesale Trade dipped 100 to an April total of 10,800, while the Retail segment was unchanged at 44,800 workers, when mid-April employment did not reflect the increased employment that occurred earlier with an April 1st Easter. General Merchandise & Apparel was unchanged at 9,000, while Other Retail Trade lost 100 to an April total of 11,200. Food & Liquor Stores made the only gain by increasing 100 to a total of 7,600 for the month.

ESTIMATED HOURS AND EARNINGS IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN ARIZONA

These estimates are based upon a sample of full and part-time production and related employees whose payroll and hours are reported for the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. April 1956 estimates are preliminary and are subject to revision. March 1956 estimates are final, based on more recent information.

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1956	Mar. 1956	Apr. 1955	Apr. 1956	Mar. 1956	Apr. 1955	Apr. 1956	Mar. 1956	Apr. 1955
For the State									
Manufacturing	$88.41	$87.15	$79.17	41.9	41.9	40.6	$2.11	$2.08	$1.95
Food & K. Prod.	77.53	76.36	71.00	42.6	42.9	44.1	1.82	1.78	1.61
Lum. & Wd. Prod.	87.03	87.03	72.76	43.3	43.3	36.2	2.01	2.01	2.01
Primary Metals	93.30	93.09	84.71	43.6	43.5	43.0	2.14	2.14	1.97
Aircraft & Pts.	105.60	98.56	85.66	44.0	42.3	40.6	2.40	2.33	2.11
Copper Mining	112.79	110.68	106.43	48.2	47.3	48.6	2.34	2.34	2.19
Contract Const.	101.65	99.92	100.17	37.1	36.6	37.8	2.74	2.73	2.65
Utilities	77.78	77.78	74.44	40.3	40.3	40.9	1.93	1.93	1.82
Retail Trade 1/	61.65	62.36	62.73	41.1	41.3	42.1	1.50	1.51	1.49
Wholesale Trade	83.75	82.19	74.85	42.3	41.3	40.9	1.98	1.99	1.83
For Maricopa County									
Manufacturing	$83.20	$83.64	$76.78	40.0	40.8	40.2	$2.08	$2.05	$1.91
Contract Const.	98.97	96.80	97.46	35.6	35.2	36.5	2.78	2.75	2.67
Retail Trade 1/	61.35	62.32	63.54	40.9	41.0	41.8	1.50	1.52	1.52
Wholesale Trade	85.65	84.25	77.90	42.4	41.5	41.0	2.02	2.03	1.90

1/ Excludes Eating & Drinking Places.

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For the State									
Manufacturing	88.41	87.16	79.17	41.6	41.0	40.6	2.11	2.16	1.95
Food & K. Prod.	77.93	76.38	71.00	42.6	42.8	44.1	1.83	1.78	1.61
Lum. & Wd. Prod.	87.05	87.02	72.78	42.3	42.3	39.3	2.01	2.01	2.01
Primary Metals	93.30	90.00	84.11	43.6	43.5	43.0	2.14	2.14	1.97
Aircraft & Pts.	105.60	98.58	85.98	44.0	42.3	40.8	2.40	2.33	2.11
Copper Mining	112.72	110.88	108.43	48.2	47.3	48.6	2.34	2.34	2.19
Contrac't Const.	101.85	99.92	100.17	37.1	37.6	37.8	2.74	2.72	2.65
Utilities	77.78	77.78	74.41	40.2	40.2	40.5	1.93	1.93	1.84
Retail Trade 1/	61.85	62.80	62.75	41.1	41.3	42.1	1.50	1.51	1.49
Wholesale Trade	88.75	85.18	76.88	42.2	41.3	40.9	1.98	1.99	1.88
For Maricopa County									
Manufacturing	885.20	883.61	576.74	40.0	40.8	40.2	22.05	21.67	21.91
Contract Const.	98.97	96.80	87.46	35.8	35.2	36.4	2.78	2.75	2.40
Retail Trade 1/	81.58	83.32	83.54	40.3	41.0	41.8	1.30	1.32	1.32
Wholesale Trade	85.65	82.55	77.80	42.4	41.6	41.0	2.02	2.00	1.88

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ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN ARIZONA

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Industry	Employment			Percentage Change	
	Apr. p 1956	Mar. r 1956	Apr. 1955	Mar.'56 to Apr. '56	Apr.'55 to Apr. '56
Total Nonagricultural Employment.	229,800	228,400	216,400	+ 0.6	+ 6.2
Manufacturing.....	35,000	34,400	30,500	+ 1.7	+14.8
Food & Kindred Products.....	3,500	3,400	3,400	+ 3	+ 3
Lumber & Wood Products except Furniture.....	3,300	3,000	3,100	+10	+ 6
Printing & Publishing.....	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	+ 4
Primary Metal Industries.....	5,200	5,300	5,300	- 2	- 2
All Other Manufacturing.....	20,500	20,200	16,300	+ 1.5	+25.8
Aircraft & Parts.....	6,700	6,700	4,700	0	+43
Mining & Quarrying.....	14,900	14,800	13,700	+ 1	+ 9
Copper Mining.....	12,700	12,700	11,800	0	+ 8
Other Mining & Quarrying.....	2,200	2,100	1,900	+ 5	+16
Contract Construction.....	18,100	17,700	18,900	+ 2	- 4
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities.....	19,400	19,500	20,300	- 0.5	- 4.4
Interstate Railroads.....	5,700	5,700	6,300	0	-10
Transportation except Railroads	5,900	6,000	5,500	- 2	+ 7
Communications & Pub. Utilities	7,800*	7,800*	8,500	0	- 8
Trade.....	55,600	55,700	54,000	- 0.2	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade.....	10,800	10,900	10,500	- 1	+ 3
Retail Trade.....	44,800	44,800	43,500	0	+ 3.0
General Merchandise & Apparel	9,000	9,000	8,900	0	+ 1
Food & Liquor Stores.....	7,600	7,500	7,400	+ 1	+ 3
Automotive & Filling Stations	7,900	7,900	7,500	0	+ 5
Eating & Drinking Places.....	9,100	9,100	8,300	0	+10
Other Retail Trade.....	11,200	11,300	11,400	- 1	- 2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate.	8,900	8,900	8,200	0	+ 9
Services & Miscellaneous.....	30,200	29,900	27,600	+ 1.0	+ 9.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places..	5,800	5,900	5,100	- 2	+14
Personal Services.....	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	+ 4
Other Services.....	19,600	19,200	17,900	+ 2	+ 9
Government.....	47,700	47,500	43,200	+ 0.4	+10.4
State & Local.....	32,400	32,400	28,600	0	+13.3
Education.....	16,800	16,800	14,100	0	+19
Federal.....	15,300	15,100	14,600	+ 1	+ 5

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Manufacturing.....	35,000	34,400	30,500	↑ 1.7	↑14.8
Food & Kindred Products.....	3,900	3,400	3,400	↑ 3	↑ 3
Lumber & Wood Products except Furniture.....	3,300	3,000	3,100	↑10	↑ 6
Printing & Publishing.....	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	↑ 4
Primary Metal Industries.....	5,200	5,200	5,300	- 2	- 2
All Other Manufacturing.....	20,500	20,200	16,300	↑ 1.5	↑25.8
Aircraft & Parts.....	6,700	6,700	4,700	0	↑42
Mining & Quarrying.....	14,900	14,800	13,700	↑ 1	↑ 9
Copper Mining.....	12,700	12,700	11,800	0	↑ 8
Other Mining & Quarrying.....	2,200	2,100	1,900	↑ 5	↑16
Contract Construction.....	18,100	17,700	18,900	↑ 2	- 4
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities.....	19,400	19,500	20,300	- 0.5	- 4.4
Interstate Railroads.....	5,700	5,700	6,300	0	-10
Transportation except Railroads	5,900	6,000	5,500	- 2	↑ 7
Communications & Pub. Utilities	7,800*	7,800*	8,500	0	- 8
Trade.....	55,600	55,700	54,000	- 0.2	↑ 3.0
Wholesale Trade.....	10,800	10,900	10,500	- 1	↑ 3
Retail Trade.....	44,800	44,800	43,500	0	↑ 3.0
General Merchandise & Apparel	9,000	9,000	8,900	0	↑ 1
Food & Liquor Stores.....	7,600	7,500	7,400	↑ 1	↑ 3
Automotive & Filling Stations	7,900	7,900	7,500	0	↑ 5
Eating & Drinking Places.....	9,100	9,100	8,300	0	↑10
Other Retail Trade.....	11,200	11,300	11,400	- 1	- 2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate.	8,900	8,900	8,200	0	↑ 8
Services & Miscellaneous.....	30,200	29,900	27,600	↑ 1.0	↑ 9.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places..	5,800	5,900	5,100	- 2	↑14
Personal Services.....	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	↑ 4
Other Services.....	19,600	19,200	17,900	↑ 2	↑ 9
Government.....	47,700	47,500	43,200	↑ 0.4	↑10.4
State & Local.....	32,400	32,400	28,600	0	↑13.3
Education.....	16,800	16,800	14,100	0	↑19
Federal.....	15,300	15,100	14,600	↑ 1	↑ 5

* Decreases due to labor disputes.

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ARIZONA'S TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT FOR SELECTED AREAS, APRIL 1956

Industry	Employment			Percentage Change	
	Apr. p 1956	Mar. r 1956	Apr. 1955	Mar.'56 to Apr. '56	Apr.'55 to Apr. '56
Maricopa County					
Total Nonagricultural Employment	113,100	113,100	107,800	0	+ 4.9
Manufacturing.....	19,400	19,300	18,000	+ 1	+ 8
Mining & Quarrying.....	200	200	200	0	0
Contract Construction.....	9,700	9,600	10,400	+ 1	- 7
Trans., Comm., Pub. Utilities...	8,500*	8,500*	9,400	0	-10
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	32,200	32,400	31,000	- 0.6	+ 3.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6,100	6,100	5,600	0	+ 9
Services & Miscellaneous.....	15,200	15,200	14,100	0	+ 8
Government.....	21,800	21,800	19,100	0	+14.1
Pima County					
Total Nonagricultural Employment	51,100	50,800	45,000	+ 0.6	+13.6
Manufacturing.....	9,000	8,800	6,300	+ 2	+43
Mining & Quarrying.....	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Contract Construction.....	5,100	4,900	4,100	+ 4	+24
Trans., Comm., Pub. Utilities...	4,900	5,000	5,000	- 2	- 2
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	11,200	11,200	10,600	0	+ 6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+ 7
Services & Miscellaneous.....	8,000	8,000	7,100	0	+13
Government.....	9,400	9,400	8,500	0	+11
All Other Counties					
Total Nonagricultural Employment	65,600	64,500	63,600	+ 1.7	+ 3.1
Manufacturing.....	6,600	6,300	6,200	+ 5	+ 6
Mining & Quarrying.....	12,800	12,700	11,600	+ 1	+10
Contract Construction.....	3,300	3,200	4,400	+ 3	-25
Trans., Comm., Pub. Utilities...	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	+ 2
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	12,200	12,100	12,400	+ 1	- 2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,200	1,200	1,100	0	+ 9
Services & Miscellaneous.....	7,000	6,700	6,400	+ 4	+ 9
Government.....	16,500	16,300	15,600	+ 1	+ 6

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AGRICULTURE & EMPLOYMENT FOR SELECTED AREAS, APRIL 1956

Industry	Employment			Percentage Change	
	Apr. p 1956	Mar. r 1956	Apr. 1955	Mar. '56 to Apr. '56	Apr. '55 to Apr. '56
Surrey County					
Total Nonagricultural Employment	113,100	113,100	107,800	0	+4.9
Manufacturing	19,400	17,300	18,000	+1	+8
Mining & Quarrying	200	200	200	0	0
Contract Construction	9,700	9,600	10,600	+1	-7
Trans., Comm., Pub. Utilities	8,500*	8,500*	9,400	0	-10
Wholesale & Retail Trade	32,200	32,400	31,000	-0.6	+3.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6,100	6,100	5,600	0	+9
Services & Miscellaneous	15,200	15,200	14,100	0	+8
Government	21,800	21,800	19,100	0	+14.1
Pima County					
Total Nonagricultural Employment	51,100	50,800	45,000	+0.6	+13.6
Manufacturing	9,000	8,800	6,300	+2	+43
Mining & Quarrying	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0
Contract Construction	5,100	4,900	4,100	+4	+24
Trans., Comm., Pub. Utilities	4,900	5,000	5,000	-2	-2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	11,200	11,200	10,600	0	+6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	+7
Services & Miscellaneous	8,000	8,000	7,100	0	+13
Government	9,400	9,400	8,500	0	+11
All Other Counties					
Total Nonagricultural Employment	65,600	64,500	63,600	+1.7	+3.1
Manufacturing	6,600	6,300	6,200	+5	+6
Mining & Quarrying	12,800	12,700	11,600	+1	+10
Contract Construction	3,300	3,200	4,400	+3	-25
Trans., Comm., Pub. Utilities	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	+2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	12,200	12,100	12,400	+1	-2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,200	1,200	1,100	0	+7
Services & Miscellaneous	7,000	6,900	6,400	+1	+9
Government	16,500	16,300	15,600	+1	+6

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